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The book does not attempt to trace development in any systematic way except by the method of citation and brief discussion of a multitude of writers in many lands and ages, each of whom describes in concrete terms the treatment which children of his day received. From such data, however, the reader can see for himself the changes in attitude and feeling toward children, on which foundations all efforts toward the positive and constructive phases of child welfare have been based.

For its selected bibliography and specific citation of contemporary writers the book is especially valuable.

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WOLFE, ALBERT B. *Readings in Social Problems*. Pp. xiii, 804. Price, \$2.80. Boston: Ginn and Company, 1916.

The social problems discussed in this book of readings are five-fold: immigration, marriage and divorce, the woman problem, the negro problem, and an interrelated group of population problems. The latter includes such subjects as the Malthusian theory of population, the declining birth rate, socialism and population, eugenics, infant mortality, and the ethics of population policies. The editor's comments introduce the discussion of each problem. References are given at the close of the discussion of each specific topic. These bibliographical references are well chosen and usable.

The difficulties inherent in selecting readings for such a range of fundamental social problems are apparent. But little space can be devoted to some phases of a topic which deserve a more comprehensive discussion. Sometimes interrelationships can only be touched upon. For example, the close nexus between the marriage and divorce situation and the economic and social status of woman can hardly be developed and emphasized in the logical manner which it deserves where different authors are discussing detailed limited fields of the general problem. However, such difficulties are inherent in a book of readings and the comments of the editor in introducing each set of problems are helpful. Moreover, the general excellence of the selections will lead the thoughtful reader to see the fundamental relationships of these various problems.

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